

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/618,886

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/6/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Michaud (Reg. No. 40,088) on April 4, 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows: Claims 20 and 21 have been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because the prior art fails to teach a method of manufacturing a razor cartridge wherein a body is formed with channels aft and forward of the razor blade, shaving aid material is injected into the channels, and passages between the channels allow the shaving aid material to travel as set forth in claims 1, 14, and 15.

Regarding claims 1, 14, and 15, Welsh et al (4,964,214) disclose a method for manufacturing a razor blade cartridge, comprising the steps of: providing one or more razor blades (2), each having a length; forming a body (1B) attached to the one or more razor blades, wherein the body (1B) includes a first channel aft of the one or more razor blades (2), a second channel forward of the one or more razor blades (2), and one or more passages extending between the first channel and the second channel; placing a shaving aid material (28) into at least one of the first channel, second channel, or the

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one or more passages. See FIG 12. Welsh et al fail to disclose injecting the shaving aid material. Schauble (4,809,432) discloses a method for manufacturing a razor blade cartridge (14), comprising the steps of: providing one or more razor blades (42), each having a length; forming a body attached to the one or more razor blades, wherein the body includes a first channel (48) and a second channel (54), and one or more passages (26) extending between the first channel (48) and the second channel (54); placing a shaving aid material into at least one of the first channel (48), second channel (54), or the one or more passages (26); wherein the one or more passages (26) extending between the first channel (48) and the second channel (54) enables the shaving aid material to travel from the one of the first channel (48), the second channel (54), or the one or more passages (26) into the others of the first channel (48), the second channel (54), or the one or more passages (26). Schauble fails to disclose the first channel is aft the razor blade, and the second channel is forward the razor blade. It would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Welsh et al and Schauble devices because the Welsh et al device concerns a solid shaving preparation, whereas the Schauble device concerns a liquid shaving preparation.

The above prior art by itself or in combination with the other prior art cited fails to teach the claimed invention set forth in claims 1, 14, and 15.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusions

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn T Blake whose telephone number is (571) 272-4503. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, alternating Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N Shoap can be reached on (571) 272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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